

News Release

Incoming Minnesota students benefit from the University of Minnesota Founders Free Tuition Program

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MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (2/6/2007) -- As high school students across the state gear up for College Goal Sunday on Feb. 11, the University of Minnesota encourages eligible incoming students to take advantage of the unique University of Minnesota Founders Free Tuition Program.

The University of Minnesota Founders Free Tuition Program combines federal, state and university grants to cover 100 percent of tuition and fees for all Pell-eligible students. There is no limit to the number of eligible students who will benefit from the program. Supporting admitted eligible Minnesota residents, the program is available to freshman and transfer students enrolling at any University of Minnesota campus, including Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Twin Cities and Rochester. In the most recent academic year, more than 2,100 Minnesota residents benefited from this program.

"This need-based program is our way to support eligible Minnesota residents and provide them with access to a great University of Minnesota education," said university President Robert Bruininks.

Students who would like to be considered for the program must be admitted incoming freshman or transfer students from Minnesota, and must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA). Recipients are selected based on financial need. Minnesota residents who are eligible for federal Pell grants will have free tuition. The Pell grant program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate students to promote access to postsecondary education. A Pell grant, unlike a loan, does not have to be repaid. Pell eligibility -- not income level -- is the defining criterion for the Founders Free Tuition Program.

Students who would like assistance in filling out the FASFA are encouraged to participate in Minnesota College Goal Sunday on Feb. 11, at 25 locations throughout the state. Experts will guide families step-by-step through the financial aid application. Details and locations are available online.

Complete details and eligibility requirements for the Founders Free Tuition Program are available online.

For more information about Pell eligibility, please contact the UMC Admissions Office at 218-281-8569 or [info@UMCrookston.edu](mailto:info@UMCrookston.edu).

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